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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:
Faan-Hoan Liu et al.

Examiner: Butler, Dennis M.

Art Unit: 2780

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
ALLOWING COMMUNICATION
BETWEEN A HOST COMPUTER AND
AT LEAST TWO STORAGE DEVICES
OVER A SINGLE INTERFACE (AS
AMENDED)

Serial No.: 09/138,817

Filed: August, 21 1998

This is a Continuation of:
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed on August 29, 2000 in the above-
referenced patent application regarding the missing IDS for this application that was

submitted October 5, 1998, Applicant respectfully submits the following supplemental IDS. Office Action at ¶ 2. Applicant is, therefore, resubmitting the references that were submitted in the IDS on October 5, 1998.

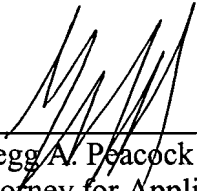
However, Applicant respectfully submits that neither an additional fee nor statement of justification as set forth under 37 C.F.R. 1.97 is required by the Applicant because such references were previously submitted as set forth in the current Office Action mailed on August 29, 2000. As further proof, Applicant has attached the post card and IDS transmittal associated with the IDS submission of October 5, 1998, which indicates the number of as well as the listing of the references contained therein, which are the same as the references being submitted in the current IDS.

Please charge any insufficiencies, if any, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2666.

Respectfully submitted,

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